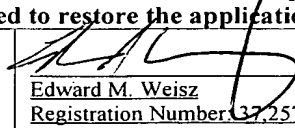


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A<br/>SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |  |   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO.<br>(If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/566893</b> |  |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO:<br><b>PCT/FR2004/001968</b>  |  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>23 July 2004</b>        |  | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>8 August 2003</b>                          |  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>A Bottom-to-Surface Connection Device Including A Leaktight Flexible Joint Between A Riser And A Float</b>  |  |   |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Yves STASSEN; Michael GASSERT; Olivier MOOG; Alain SKRABER</b>   |  |   |  |  |  |
| <p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11. to 20. Below concern other document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: (<i>specify</i>): Int'l Search Report</li> </ol> |  |   |  |  |  |

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| The following fees are submitted:   |              |  |   |   |                |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5))</b>  |              |  |   | <b>\$300</b>                                    | \$ 300         |
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| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Search Fee</b><br>If International preliminary examination report is prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy the provisions of PCT article 33(1)-(4)  |              |  |   | <b>\$0</b>                                      | \$ 500         |
| Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the International application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority   |              |  |   | <b>\$100</b>                                    |                |
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| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br>Martin B. Pavane<br>Cohen, Pontani, Lieberman & Pavane<br>551 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1210<br>New York, New York 10176   |              |  | <br><b>Edward M. Weisz</b><br>Registration Number <u>37,257</u> February 1, 2006<br>Tel: (212) 687-2770 |   |                |

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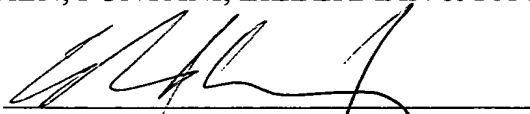
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